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TRADE WITH EGYPT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade with Egypt stands at 771 million US dollar in 2002-03;

(b) whether our import from Egypt exceed our exports;

(c) if so, whether any efforts have been made to manage more exports of tea and wheat to Egypt;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Tea Board has increased its presence in Egypt; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) As per official statistics, India`s trade with Egypt, excluding crude oil imports, amounted to US $ 524.74 million in 2002-2003.

(b) Non-oil imports from Egypt amounted to US $ 226.57 million while exports to that country amounted to US $ 298.17 million during 2002-2003

(c)- (f) During 2002-03, tea exports to Egypt amounted to US $ 0.84 million as compared to US $ 0.52 million in the previous year, registering an increase of 60.7%. Egypt has not been importing wheat from India. Efforts are now being made to explore the wheat market in that country.